

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-278-002

I have seen statistics proving energy consumption is on a decline so hard to question the need for this proposed line. Why must we have this proposed line running through our area when we receive no direct benefit, not even close. As I understand, it wouldn't be utilized in our state. I dislike the idea of looking out my windows and seeing this scenic landscape marred by tall towers and wires.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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☒ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☒ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

My property lies 1/2 mile north of
projected line. My view as of now is
unobstructed and want to keep it that way.

Good agricultural land will be
taken out of production and it's time we
keep in mind

GOD'S NOT MAKING ANY MORE
LAND

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Many of the farms in this area are
owned and operated by descendants of
original homesteaders, proud of their
heritage and do not want conditions to
change. Change is not always good.

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Which meeting did you attend? Neighborhood gathering

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- ☒ Proximity to residences
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- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-278-001

Presence of electromagnetic fields
in vicinity of lines

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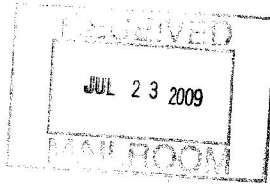
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Gary Peters
Annette Peters
2779 450th Street
Kenyon, MN 55946



July 3, 2009

RE: CapX 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being sent to you because we are concerned about the proposed CapX 2020 project that may be coming through Minnesota. Our property is in the area for the Hampton-Rochester-Lacrosse 345 KV Transmission Project. Our home is located in Section 28 of Holden Township in Goodhue County, Minnesota. Our property is residential and sits on approximately 3.50 acres. We live in a rural agricultural community. Our home is surrounded by farm fields a small woods that is home to deer, wild turkeys and a wide variety of other wildlife.

The various power companies involved in this project have been providing data showing the increased demand for power through 2004 and thus the need for this project. However, the data for the years after 2004 show that there is an actual decrease in usage. Our hope is that all alternatives to this massive project have been studied and fairly evaluated. This project will stretch from the Dakotas through Minnesota and Wisconsin. The transmission lines are said to lose 30% of the power they are carrying. They propose to use coal. We seem to be making strides in conservation and in using renewable resources to produce energy. Is a project of this magnitude really the best solution?

I-279-001 |

As we stated before, ours is an agricultural community and our township and county are dedicated to keeping our family farms and our agricultural base. The acres of land that will be taken for right of ways if this project is approved is astounding. There are also small woods and stands of trees that will suffer if these huge lines are allowed to come through our state. Transmission lines will mar the beauty of the area, drive down property values, cause potential health threats, and cause various problems that farms will need to "work around" for years to come. Becoming a corridor for transmission lines (for which we see no direct benefit) is not something we or anyone else I know wants. I was told that height of the poles for these lines will be approximately the height of the Statue of Liberty!

The proposed route through our township appears to be very close to many homes. We know that these power lines can be harmful to both people and

I-279-001

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wildlife but still do not know the full effect of long term exposure. We know it interferes with various electrical and GPS systems, etc. We were informed at one meeting we attended that farmers may need to ground their machinery when working around these lines. We also understand that it can interfere with radio and television transmission.

I have read many of the comments submitted by others regarding this project and I have heard many others speak at previous meetings. The reasons for not wanting these lines in our area are the same reasons others do not want them in their areas; including the effect on our property values. We don't want the view from our homes to be massive transmission lines. There is no compensation for those living near the lines and no amount of money would suffice for the loss we would incur in so many ways.

We hope that another solution can be found so none of us will have to have these huge transmission lines near our homes. However, we know that the power companies involved as well state and local governments will prosper from this project and fear that it will be approved. If this project is approved we hope that the least invasive route would be used. We appreciate attempts to stay away from homes when possible, but these lines will still be very close to many homes. Also, is taking this valuable rural land really the best answer? If the project goes forward we feel that the most logical route is not through Holden Township and Highway 56 or Highway 60. The other route goes along Highway 52. Homes in this area would be further from the line. It would also seem to be a shorter and thus less expensive route to use. This route is also more industrial and commercial than the route along Highways 56 and 60.

Sincerely,

Gary & Annette Peters

I-279-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-279-002 |

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-280-001

TRANSMISSION LINE WOULD DEVALUE
THE PROPERTY VALUE

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

WE DON'T WANT THE LINE
IN THE LACRESCENT AREA

I-280-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? LACRESSENT, MN.

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- ☐ Radio or television interference
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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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yes

I-281-001

Was anyone from this area on Commission?

I-281-002

Why not follow 52-90 from Rochester to La Crosse rather than destroy the beauty of our area?

I-281-003

Why are Eastern States opposed? Can we not generate locally?

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-281-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

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I-281-003

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-281-004 |
I-281-005 |

Aesthetics, property value
near 17 + 1/2 - Valley View
Estate

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-281-006 |

need - Winona will not use
electricity going from Rochester to La Crosse
health concerns for several neighbors
and children

I-281-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-281-005

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-281-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? _____

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I-282-001

Why don't you bury
the line?

Why are the engineers against
bury line?

Even if it is costly over the
time it will be more friendly.
The Public the ones going to
live with it not you. We
might as well pay for it being buried
and out of sight now.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-282-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-282-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-282-002

When I want to sell a few lots
later on we won't be able to
build under power lines right?
Just a dead zone strip of hardly
any vegetation, forever!

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Looking at a line out my
front of home instead of trees.
And listening to the hum.
It's not why I moved and bought
property 20 yrs ago.
Other wise I'd stay closer to
town + people.

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Which meeting did you attend? 6-24-09 Centerville, WI.

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What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-282-003

Burying the line to keep it
out of sight

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I-282-003

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-283-001

The project is explained well in the information distributed. However, I question the conclusion that the best alternative is the power line proposed. Per the study, since the primary need areas are Rochester and La Crosse, why not build natural gas fired generating capability in those areas and eliminate all the cost and environmental issues associated with a coal fired power source from the Twin Cities transmitting power to Rochester and La Crosse? The carbon emissions from a natural gas plant would be less than half from the coal plant and our country has over a 100 year supply of natural gas. In addition, all the environmental impact of the proposed power lines would be eliminated. A natural gas plant could be built in much less calendar time than required for the power line.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-283-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:
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I-283-002

My farm is located at 46998 170th Ave. Zumbrota, MN 55992 which is a few miles southwest of Zumbrota, MN. The proposed 345kva power line siting is directly across my farm with the power line less than 200 ft from the house. It also runs parallel and directly adjacent to the farm drive and will be less than 100 ft. from the garage and machine shed. The farmhouse and land are rented now but I am very concerned that the proposed power line routing will make the house uninhabitable and un-rentable.

I-283-003

The poles through the agricultural land will also create more obstacles for the land operator. The proposed routing will require easement on over 13 acres of tillable land on a farm that only has 130 acres of cropland.

I-283-004

Throughout the entire almost 150 miles of proposed power line routing there are two or more alternative routes shown except for about 2.5 miles that includes my farm. Why is there not an alternative routing for this area? It is my understanding that State codes require alternate routes be identified.

There is another residential site less than 1/2 mile west of my farm where the proposed line runs very close to the house also. It seems that an alternative routing on my south property line or further south would alleviate all of these problems

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-283-005

The most sensitive resources in the Project are the people living near the power line. The potential danger from EMF radiation and the safety concern with power lines subject to failure from ice storms in Southern Minnesota's climate make it very unsafe to locate a high voltage power line that close to residential housing and other buildings and driveways.

I-283-006

The second major issue is the carbon produced by the coal fired plant and the carbon generated during the building of the power line.

I-283-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-283-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-283-004

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-283-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-283-006

Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-283-007 | Location of other power lines on the property. There is an existing high power transmission line crossing this property that will be crossed with this new proposed line.

I-283-007

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No

I-284-001 Statistics were given, but not really relevant and specific to our area as far as purpose, cost, path, long range effects, farmers losses, need in this area, need in areas all along the line route, other options, smaller less obtrusive energy sources in more distant self-sufficient places.

It sounded like they had a plan, didn't care who or what it hurt, they were going to do it, & make their profit from it. Statistics can prove anything you want them to, lots of words can be used and not really say anything important.

People, nature, prime farm land, towns, should all be considered not just some company's greed and thoughtless whims.

I-284-002 Routes by existing power lines should be looked into - or some place other than prime farm land & beautiful landscapes - --- if they insist on line transmissions.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-284-001

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I-284-002

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I am on a farm in Holden Township - see my address. It is a shame to consider transmission lines going near my family farm and that of my neighbors. It is a waste of natural resources and a penalty imposed on small farms that have a difficult time making a living dealing with the delicate balance of cost of seed, chemicals, fuel, and time; mixed with weather; and the health and production of animals, and market values. To have other obstacles like sick or infertile animals, poisons, contamination, or land taken away is a burden that would end the farm.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-284-003

I am concerned about my own health and that of my family and grandchildren. There has not been enough research into the long range effects of the magnetic fields and emissions. Devastating effects have been noted on pacemakers, implants, and more. Life and health are too precious to put into jeopardy.

I-284-004

Electrical appliances + TV will experience interference. Emissions will affect the life of machinery and vehicles. (Consider another burden for farmers)

I-284-005

The natural beauty and clean environment with trees, waterways, wetland, pastures of fields, streams, wildlife, nice natural skylines with beautiful sunrise and sunset scenes are here. Wouldn't it be a shame to destroy this unnecessarily!! - just on some company's greed and thoughtless whim!

I-284-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-284-004

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

I-284-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? Informational Mtg. - Cannon Falls, MN

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☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☐ Proximity to residences

☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

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☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☐ Health and safety

☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

If this project goes through with all the expense and damaging effect - how soon would technology find a better way? What a waste!

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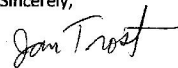
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Attention Scott Ek,

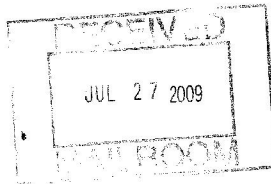
I am writing to you to let you know that I do not want the CapX 2020 transmission lines running across Holden Township in Minnesota.

- I-285-001** We do not need extra energy here or nearby, there is a decline in energy use in this area including Holden Township due to new technology. We do not need energy carried a long way and losing a large percentage of that just by sending it that distance – that is poor use of energy money. There are new, better and more efficient ways to produce energy (including nuclear) and probably new discoveries in the making. This would be foolish if this is supposed to be a line that travels all the way to the east coast, for so much energy would be lost along the way and so much land and natural resources would be wasted. There could be less obtrusive sources closer to the users with less expensive transport; and I don't want to be part of this frivolous waste when there are other options and answers.
- I-285-002** It is a shame to even think of having transmission lines here in prime farming land. That is a waste of natural resources and a penalty imposed on small farmers in this area that have a difficult time anyway to make a living in farming. There is a delicate balance with cost of seed, chemicals, fuel, and time; mixed with weather and growing conditions; and the health and production of animals; and market values. To have another obstacle such as land taken away or sick animals or infertile animals, or animals that miscarry or contaminated animals and crops because of transmission leaks is a burden these farmers do not need. It would mean their demise.
- I-285-003** I am concerned about my own health and that of my family and grandchildren. There has not been enough research into the long range effects of the magnetic fields and emissions. Devastating effects have been noted on pace makers and implants, and more. Life and health are too precious to put into jeopardy.
- I-285-004** Electrical appliances and TV will experience interference. Emissions will affect the life of machinery and vehicles (and create another burden for farmers).
- There is a natural beauty in this county and it is the envy of other areas and it is a desirable place where many people would say they would like to live. There are trees, waterways, vital wetlands, patchwork of cropped fields, streams, wildlife, nice natural skylines with beautiful sunrise and sunset scenes. Wouldn't it be a shame to destroy this unnecessarily!!!! - just on some company's greed and thoughtless whim!
- I-285-005** If for some reason the lines have to go through, pick an existing corridor like highway 52.

Sincerely,



Jan Trost
A land & animal farmer, nature & health
lover, and common sense citizen



I-285-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:
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I-285-002

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-285-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-285-004

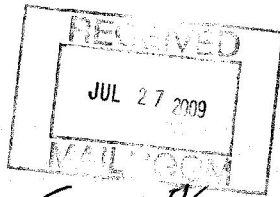
Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-285-005

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-285-004.

I-285-006

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment



Mark Lenway
P.O. Box 23
Kenyon, MN 55946

July 3, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my wish that those who have the power to do so, act on my request to oppose the proposed plan to bring CapX 2020 transmission lines through Holden Township and throughout the state. I believe that there is no need this for project.

I-285-009

- Need should be based on what OUR state needs; not what is needed in LaCrosse or points east of.
- Coal is considered to be an environmentally unsatisfactory energy source because of gaseous (ie: CO₂ SO₂ NO_x and volatile metals) and solid waste products (ie: fly ash, bottom ash, FGD sludge).
- Combined with the +20% compounded loss that occurs when transporting over lines that stretch hundreds of miles it makes this proposed project unsavory at best.

I-285-010

On a local level, Holden Township has maintained a rural, agriculturally based economy because the residents have worked hard to insure that it is kept that way. The township has adopted resolutions that specifically address the preservation of its farmland. The community is active in preserving the heritage of the area agriculturally, environmentally, historically, socially, and as much so on the basis of esthetics.

I-285-011

- Agriculturally, there are many residents in our area who have struggled to maintain small farms that have been in the family for more than 150 years. They do so because they value this way of life. If the proposed transmission line goes through Holden Township, these small farms lose a greater percentage of their small fields to the inefficiencies of scale. Historically it has been an uphill battle for Minnesota's small farmers and the proposed transmission lines through Holden Township will only perpetuate the decreasing viability of our areas' small farms.

I-285-012

- Swaths 150' wide running hundreds of miles across the state along the path of these lines will be bulldozed and maintained cut free of trees as a ROW for transmission lines thus removing woodland habitat from our state's precious natural resources. By running these transmission lines down 56 through Holden Township rather than along the already established Highway 52 corridor, yet more woodland is destroyed and destroyed in a part of the state where woodland habitat is at a premium for our local hunters.

I-285-013

- Historically, we live in a part of the state that acts as a living museum for the small farming community much in the same way as re-enactments of

caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

I-285-007

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural and water resources, wetlands, vegetation, wildlife, and aesthetics will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-285-008

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:
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I-285-009

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:
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I-285-014

other historical events depict history. We live with such landmarks as the stagecoach stop (which is currently being renovated), the local country schoolhouse, century old churches with strong, active memberships, and small rural towns where business can be conducted with a handshake over a cup of coffee at the local coffee shop. This kind of historical "landmark" may not be obvious as a tangible part of the argument against transmission lines but can be easily vandalized by the sight of 150' towers and lines slicing their way through the countryside. There are those who may be forced to significantly alter or abandon a way of life that acts as this living history for all of us.

I-285-015

- Socially, our community acts and reacts to unsavory pressures that destroy or encumber our hard earned assets under the guise of "eminent domain". Public utilities are unique in that they are exempt from many of the eminent domain laws (chapter 117) restricting the taking of lands from one to give to another. In our view, this does not make the PUC answerable to the public for whom they serve.
- Esthetically we live among rolling wooded hills, oak savannahs, beautiful creek valleys, small farm fields, and pasture ground. We have chosen a quality of life that is reflected in these quiet esthetics. Just as others value a different life that reflects their particular needs, we have chosen the simplicity and fierce independence that we feel comes with and is unique to our area. It is not right that lifestyle choices of others should be granted preference over ours. We have listened to the representatives from CapX and have concluded that since they have not been willing to discuss the issue of need for points beyond Rochester and LaCrescent, we can only conclude that the need is NOT within our own state but with points east of us. Do we really want our state raped by a project that does nothing to enhance our own quality of life?

I-285-016

Sincerely,
Mark Lenway

*PLEASE DON'T ALLOW THIS TO
HAPPEN TO OUR STATE*

I-285-011

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-285-012

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in resource sections throughout the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-285-013

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process along with potential impacts to recreation will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-285-014

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-285-015

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would pay for land rights based on an independent appraisal and will work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process. If an agreement cannot be reached between a utility and the landowner, a utility may pursue a state-governed process called

condemnation, under which a judge and a panel of impartial individuals decide whether the easement is needed and its value. The condemnation process varies from state to state. In general, states establish strict procedures for determining the amount a landowner should be paid by a utility for acquiring a right for construction and maintenance of a transmission line. A government's right to acquire – or authorize the acquisition of private property for public use, with just compensation being given to the owner, is called eminent domain. In some states when a transmission line crosses a rural property, a landowner, under certain conditions, may request that the utility purchase the entire property.

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I-285-016

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I attended an informational meeting for the certificate of need. I had the impression that the decision was already made, & the meeting was just one more hoop that the power companies had to jump through. We were fed information, how accurate, is any one's guess. When something is strong armed through, statistics can say whatever you want them to.

I-286-001

It was never really said how far this power was intended to be shipped, Minnesota really doesn't need this power, that was glossed over.

I-286-002

My real question, why are we expanding a very antiquated system, when nuclear would be the perfect way to go? Coal is dirty, nuclear is clean, & the plant could be built where power is needed, not hundreds of miles away.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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City: Kenyon State: MN 55946 Zip Code:

Daytime Phone (Optional):

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-286-001

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I-286-002

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

My property is a 160 acre farm, there is nothing special, except it is my home in one of the most beautiful areas in MN.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Holden Twp is a very picturesque area, rolling hills, savanna prairie, smaller farms, streams. I feel this antiquated system is not only an eye sore, but more importantly, what is the long term health effects of those that live in area, there is also the concern of the effect the EMF has on the animals. We do try to make money on livestock.

I-286-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-286-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-286-003

I-286-004

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☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Informational Mtg - Cannon Falls, MN.

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-286-005

With all the "green", why are we expanding coal?
We work all our lives, take care of our property & the community,
with the intention of selling (maybe), what does that do to
property values?
It's just a bad idea

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I-286-005

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts, including potential impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

- I-287-001 *No. I had the impression that the project was being carried out when it was actually still in the approval phase. I don't fully understand the purpose of such massive lines that*
- I-287-002 *lose energy as they transfer it. Nor do I understand why we need such massive lines running across the entire state. I have been informed that the assessment of need didn't include the past 3 years, when energy use has actually decreased. I have also been informed that very little of the energy is slated for use in Minnesota. This project, according to information I had to collect with my own research efforts, will not be benefiting Minnesotans - it*
- I-287-003 *will just be an eyesore that destroys our landscape and resources and cause great resentment. Other (greener)*
- I-287-004 *options need to be considered and Minnesotans need to get*
- I-287-005 *the truth and whole story behind these lines.*

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-287-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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I-287-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-287-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-287-004

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-287-005

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-287-006

I-287-007

I-287-008

I-287-009

Our farm is located in Holden Township. We produce feed and raise livestock. These lines would disrupt the agriculture in this area and could pose dangers to the livestock and farmers. Wooded areas would need to be cleared, which would disrupt hunting, another important activity for my family. Massive transmission lines would spoil the pristine beauty of this rural agricultural community.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-287-010

I-287-011

I-287-012

Natural and biological resources definitely need to be considered. Vast areas of forest need to be cleared for such lines creating smaller patches of woods that do not meet the habitat needs of all species. Many efforts are in place to preserve and protect the Big Woods in this area and power lines should not be an exception. I am also concerned about the effect EMF from the power lines can have on plant and animal species as well as residents in the area. Farmland is also a resource that is becoming more valuable everyday. We cannot afford to compromise our excellent farmland in this area to make way for transmission lines.

Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-287-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-287-007

Your comment card has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-287-008

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-287-009

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-287-010

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? Family member attended Mtg- Cannon Falls, MN

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need The need for energy has decreased in MN in the last three years.
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources Have you seen these lines?! They're huge and they cut through beautiful landscapes.
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation) -These lines are going to go through many Minnesota farms.
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites Many trees will be cleared in the right of way of the lines!
- ☒ Radio or television interference, and GPS on farm equipment
- ☒ Noise

- I-287-013 ☒ Health and safety, EMF, danger of electric shocks under the lines!
- ☒ Other: Property values

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- I-287-014 This will be a huge construction project that will destroy a lot of land in Minnesota. These lines do not seem to be a sensible solution to the growing energy needs, especially since energy use has decreased in the last three years. The coal plants that are supposed to be built are an outdated form of energy production. Let's make this project more green by finding solutions that create less pollution and destroy less of our land and agricultural resources, and are closer to the area of need.

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I-287-011

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-287-012

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I-287-013

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I-287-014

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

NO! This Project is really being expedited at a very rapid pace for some unknown reason to the public. Why are we not investigating other methods to produce this power, we supposedly need. I know we have experts in the field of producing electricity and know if these transmission lines are the only option we have. Why are we not listening and exploring these other ideas.

I-288-001

I-288-002

We seem to get all our information about the need for this project (FROM the people who ARE selling it). Do you believe they would say we don't need the lines. This is their income & what they sell. Like a Dairy Farmer telling you to drink less milk. We need to listen to other ideas & please tell us how to reach you. Then do what is best!

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I-288-001

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I-288-002

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☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
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FARM 272 T2142 T104 R4 Sect 17 LA Crescent
Our house built in 1994, was built away from
existing Roadways. Put lines & etc. to be isolated on
a ridge facing LA Crosse, LA Crescent for the million dollar
view. People who choose to build next to Roadways
w/ power lines already there, expect ~~chance~~ ^{noise}. This proposed line
will cut across the view we built ~~here~~ for. Doesn't
make good sense for access & maintenance of these proposed
lines. There are existing fields along Roadways which
would make much more sense to build next to. A

would still see them on my land, but not right
next to me, why ~~at~~ not look at Pfeiffer Valley
and get the pika below the sky line.

The Existing proposed path cuts North to South across that ridge which will be highly usable to all the people living in Lacrosse, only to cross the Highway & travel back North past the whole town of Lacrosse again, then to head to Lacrosse. Far from a straight path these pot lines will go about 2/3 around the town.

Wouldn't it make more sense to ~~put~~^{run} these lines through a less populated area. Wouldn't some farmer up North with lots of land have a better use for the money he could

Your comment has been noted. Access and terrain issues will be assessed at a route level and with individual landowners. Alternatives to the project as well as potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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Which meeting did you attend? All of them

I still never get any mailings - Although I keep signing up.
Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting. Why???

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-289-001

I have not attended any meetings regarding the proposed power lines, but have become involved with local people in researching this project and the need for it to cut across farmland. I would like to know more as to the reasoning why this route was chosen and not the Hwy 52 corridor. It makes more sense to run it down the corridor versus crossing land and disrupting vegetation, wild life and waterways.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Our farm has been in our family for many generations, located amongst a protected waterway, forests and prime farm land. Constructing high energy power lines would significantly mar the landscape and drive down property value of land and residential homes.

Our farm is located in Goodhue County, Holden Township, Southeast Minnesota.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, etc.) in the Project area and why?

Our farm has been in my family for 5 generations. It was homesteaded in 1855 and has been farmed since that time until my parents moved off of it 14 years ago. At the present time, my family has been living on the farm enjoying the beauty and aesthetics of the surrounding area. The farm is currently owned and operated by my mother and continues to be used for agricultural purposes. The power lines would forge right through prime agricultural land, destroy natural

habitats and be an eyesore for those living in the area.

I-289-002

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-289-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources, wildlife, and the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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☒ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? N/A

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-289-004

Using agricultural land to place high power lines; particularly in an area that has committed itself to preserving its heritage.

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I-289-004

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): _____

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City: La Crosse State: WI Zip Code: 55947

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-290-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

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Which meeting did you attend?

July LaCrosse

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- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-291-001 | The Need is not Adequately Identified.

I-291-002 | The Future ^{Need} is not Based on current consumption & Projections.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): _____

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City: La Crosse State: WI Zip Code: 54601

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I-291-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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I-291-002

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-291-001.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☒ Other: *Forest, Mangrove*

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

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Which meeting did you attend? July 09 LA Crescent

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-291-003

This will significantly affect the wildlife
and natural beauty of our area -

I searched for 10 years to find our rural home. We
have abundant Wildlife + Beauty that I paid
dearly for. No Gov Payment can compensate
us for that loss. -

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I-291-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife and the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-292-001

We do understand the need to meet growing demands for power. We just ask that consider the B46 route vs the B119.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Emil & Mary Zahasky

Representing (Optional): _____

Mailing Address: 4001 19th Ave. N.W.

City: Rochester State: MN Zip Code: 55901

Daytime Phone (Optional): _____

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-292-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture ☐ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-292-002

The routing option B119 cuts directly across our family farm that we have owned for 50 years. This will complicate on-going efforts to farm this land. This is prime farm land. The addition of a power line corridor across it will reduce its re-sale value as well. Please don't run this line across our farm. We urge you to consider route B 46 instead.

I-292-003

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-292-004

• This is prime farm land and a beautiful setting.

I-292-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-292-003

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-292-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? *None. We recently became aware that one of the routes would cut across our ~~house~~ farm.*
Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
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- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-292-005

• Another key issue that should be considered is avoiding running lines across farm land whenever possible.

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I-292-005

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:
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Which meeting did you attend? FARMINGTON Twp. & Zumbro Twp.

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

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☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
☒ Proximity to residences
☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
☐ Historic and cultural sites
☐ Radio or television interference
☐ Noise
☒ Health and safety
☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

With the added number of
wind farms and alternate
sources of energy - I do not
believe we need these High
Voltage transmission lines
Crossing over Country side
Now or ever.! LSH

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I-293-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-293-001

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☒ Other: tree farm

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

tree farm
Minnesota
Wabasha County
Zumbro Twp.
T109 R014 S15
Farm # 1298
tract # 690

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-293-002 | This area is very sensitive
I-293-003 | in respect to land use —
I-293-004 | wildlife - plant and trees
as well as erosion of soil

I-293-005 | The installation of this power line
I-293-006 | not only raises havoc with the
ecological aesthetics of this land
it is disruptive and destructive
to the natural beauty of this land.
LSTH

I-293-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-293-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife and vegetation will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-293-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to geology and soil resources caused by the transmission lines will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-293-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-293-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife, vegetation, and the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

The need for this project was explained very well. However, what was not explained was the fact that the City of Rochester needs this power source. So why do we have to supply the Route 52 travels between the twin cities and Rochester why do you think you need to divert the transmission line through our property around Rochester???

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-293-007

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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Which meeting did you attend? _____

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
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- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-294-001

IF energy consumption is decreasing, why is this needed?

I-294-002

IF they need more electricity out East then they should produce it out there rather than running lines across our farmland.
Holden township is a strong and proud Ag Community and I would like to see it stay that way for future generations.

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I-294-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:
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I-294-002

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-294-001.

I-294-003

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:
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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Section 19, Holden Township in Goodhue County

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I don't think running power lines down the middle of township sections in Agricultural communities is a good idea. Why not run them along Hwy 52 where there is already power lines running.

I think in Holden township we have a good balance of wildlife and Agriculture and running power lines through our area I feel would upset this balance.

I-294-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

- I-294-004 I ~~would~~ would like more information on possible
health hazards, how much will this interfere
I-294-005 w/ electronic devices, will there be more
I-294-006 static electricity and stray voltage issues.
I-294-007 I also feel the power companies aren't
trying to ^{hardly} get the information in regards to
this project out to the general public.
we only received one flyer in regards to
this and it didn't have a lot of information in
it. Only recently did we become aware of the
fact it could be going through the section
we live in.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-294-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-294-005

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

I-294-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to stray voltage will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-294-007

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, www.capx2020.com.

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